

EXHIBIT 4

RESIDENT APPOINTMENT AGREEMENT**Clinica Sierra Vista / Rio Bravo Family Medicine Residency Program**

DEFINITION: The term “resident” refers to all postgraduate trainees (ACGME residents).

Clinica Sierra Vista hereby offers Fiona Axelsson an appointment as a postgraduate trainee in the Rio Bravo Family Medicine Residency Program (RBFMRP), **Postgraduate Year 2 (PGY 2)** subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. APPOINTMENT AND TERM

The initial appointment period commencing **June 01, 2022** and ending on **June 30, 2023**. Reappointment, advancement and completion of the year is contingent upon maintenance of academic good standing and satisfactory performance of assigned rotations, exams and duties as determined by evaluations by the Program Director and faculty.

2. COMPENSATION

Salaries are based on postgraduate years in chart below. Salary increases are generally made annually at the beginning of the appointment to the next step. Residents are paid biweekly.

POSTGRADUATE YEAR	ANNUAL GROSS SALARY	MONTHLY GROSS SALARY
1	\$62,000	\$5,166.67
2	\$64,000	\$5,333.33
3	\$66,500	\$5,541.67

3. ACADEMIC, LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. The resident must have received all of their medical school education from and graduated from a: 1) U.S. or Canadian medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME), the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools. <http://lcme.org/directory/accredited-u-s-programs/> - OR - 2) A foreign medical school which has been evaluated by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) or one of the ECFMG authorized foreign medical school accreditation agencies and deemed to meet the minimum requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of medical schools accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools, or the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation. The foreign medical school is listed on the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) World Directory of Medical Schools joint directory, or the World Directory of Medical Schools. <https://search.wdoms.org/> - OR - 3) A foreign medical school that has been approved by the Medical Board of California (Board). http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Medical_Schools/Schools_Recognized.aspx
- B. Residents must obtain a Postgraduate Training License (PTL) from the state of California, following the rules issued by the Medical Board of California. The program will assist with this process and reimburse the residents for the application fee once they begin their training, however they are encouraged to begin the process as soon as possible after signing this contract.
- C. The resident must at all times maintain in effect and verify, upon request, all legally required permits, licenses, and other relevant documents. At the beginning of the residency, residents must also provide proof of authorization to work in the United States. Failure to obtain or maintain necessary licenses and permits and to maintain eligibility to work in the United States will result in automatic suspension and may result in dismissal.

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- D. All residents in the Family Medicine training program must be BLS and ACLS certified. They must present evidence of American Heart Association certification in BLS and ACLS prior to the initiation of clinical responsibilities and must complete any necessary renewals to maintain those certifications. The program will facilitate the coordination of those training sessions and will reimburse the resident for the cost of registration and materials needed for these courses.
- E. At the start of the appointment, residents must be eligible and available to start their program. They cannot have an appointment in another program which is in conflict with the position they are accepting. They must adhere to the policies of the ACGME program requirements, and NRMP as pertains to their selection and appointment.

USMLE STEP 1 & STEP 2 CK

- 1. Incoming PGY 1 residents are required to take and pass USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK before the beginning of their training at RBFMRP. They must provide the program director with copies of their USMLE scores to document their successful completion of these examinations.

USMLE STEP 3

- 1. All PGY 1 residents must take the USMLE Step 3 examination during their first year of postgraduate training (no later than June 30), unless previously successfully completed, or unless the Program Director and their faculty advisor recommend additional preparation time. Residents are required to notify the program director of the results of the USMLE Step 3 exam upon receiving their results (pass/fail).
- 2. Residents accepted into the training program at RBFMRP after completing their first year of training at another institution (at the PGY 2 level), must have successfully completed USMLE Step 3 prior to beginning training at RBFMRP. Residents are required to provide their program director with a copy of their USMLE Step 3 scores to document this.
- 3. Residents who fail Step 3 must re-take the exam at a time mutually agreed upon by the resident, their advisor and the program director.
- 4. Residents who have not passed Step 3 by January 1 of their second postgraduate year (PGY 2) will receive notification that they will not be reappointed as a PGY 3, until they successfully complete this step.

4. RBFMRP will provide or monitor in conjunction with Kern Medical Center as appropriate the following:

- A. **House Staff Sleep Quarters and Resident Lounge:** House staff sleep quarters are provided. Sleep quarters may be used for overnight calls, strategic napping and napping prior to driving home when there are concerns about fatigue. A lounge with telephones, computers and TV is located near the house staff/ sleep quarters. Food service is available 24 hours/day in the resident lounge.
- B. **Meals:** Meals will be provided as described in the policy and procedure manual and resident handbook, in compliance with ACGME requirements. The Meal policy can be found on the GME website: www.riobravofmrp.org.
- C. **Uniforms:** Two (2) long white coats will be issued to each resident at the start of residency.
- D. **Work Hours:** Program requirements relating to work hours and on call schedules are based on educational rationale and patient care needs including continuity of care. Assigned clinical and educational work hours will comply with ACGME, specific RRC and RBFMRP guidelines. (See policy and procedure manual and resident handbook.) Back up support will be provided when patient care responsibilities are especially difficult or prolonged, or if unexpected circumstances create resident fatigue sufficient to jeopardize patient care.

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Pagers will be supplied for the year of appointment. The RBFMRP will provide email and internet access.

- F. Libraries:** All residents have full access to the Kern Medical (KM) - Medical Library at no cost. This features a state-of-the-art library with full library services to assist physicians, faculty, residents, students, and staff with the latest medical, scientific and research resources. Users have full access to GALEN, the digital library, which includes thousands of electronic journals and texts as well as a collection of databases. The library provides full support for the information needs of its users including literature searching, instruction, and bibliographic management. The library is available to users during regular business hours, and users also have remote access to all electronic library resources 24 hours a day.

- G. OSHA and CDC Recommendations:** Compliance is required with OSHA and CDC recommendations which assume that every direct contact with a patient's blood and other body substances is infectious and requires the use of protective equipment to prevent parenteral, mucous membrane and non-intact skin exposures to the health care provider. Protective equipment including gloves, masks, face shields and cover gowns are provided by RBFMRP and Kern Medical. Prior to the beginning of training, all residents must have received the Hepatitis B vaccination series or sign an OSHA approved declination form. Annual TB screening is required. MMR, varicella, and influenza vaccines are highly recommended, and proof of vaccination status or a declination form will be required.

5. RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The goals of the residency program are to provide residents with experience in the art and science of medicine in order to achieve excellence in the diagnosis, care, and treatment of patients. To achieve these goals, the resident agrees to do the following: (goals listed in handbook: Excellence in Medical Education, Respect for Resident's Well-Being, and Highest Quality Patient Care)

- A. Develop and participate in a personal program of self-study and professional growth with guidance from the program's teaching staff.
- B. Participate in the care of patients as appropriate to their level of training and abilities under the supervision and direction of their attending physicians.
- C. Participate fully in the educational activities of the residency program and assume responsibility for participation in the teaching of more junior physicians and medical students. In this regard, be knowledgeable of the goals and objectives of the program, rotation and/or clerkship.
- D. Develop an understanding of ethical, socioeconomic and medical/legal issues that affect the practice of medicine.
- E. Consider cost containment measures in the provision of patient care.
- F. Comply with all RBFMRP and Kern Medical rules, regulations, practices, procedures and policies, professional standards and codes of ethics. These include but are not limited to, the policy and procedure manual, resident handbook, CSV employment handbook, including but not limited to the Sexual Harassment policy, HIPAA, Policy on Substance Abuse, criminal background checks and health screenings.
- G. Adhere to the call schedule and schedule of assignments in a prompt and timely fashion.
- H. Attend and participate in the standing committees of the GMEC and Medical Staff, especially those that relate to patient care educational activities, as assigned by the program director or elected by your peers.
- I. Keep charts, records and reports signed and up to date as per Medical Staff policy. This requires the resident to be capable of using the electronic health record system in place at both Kern Medical and the RBFMRP office, as well as any other sites where they may be assigned clinical duties.

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- J. Adhere to ACGME, RRC, Program, and Board requirements, including meeting clinical and educational work hour restrictions as per program policy and appropriately addressing rest and fatigue issues; see the ACGME website <http://www.acgme.org/acgmeweb/>
- K. Participate in the evaluation of the training program and its faculty using the mechanisms provided by the RBFMRP in a timely manner.
- L. Comply with Program and ACGME policies regarding moonlighting. This includes obtaining permission of the program director prior to any moonlighting activities. The RBFMRP Policy on Moonlighting can be found at www.riobravofmrp.org - click on "Resident Policies".
- M. The special nature of residency programs requires ongoing communication between the residents, the training programs, administrators and others at RBFMRP, and affiliated institutions. The general policy of the RBFMRP requires residents be available by email, and check email at frequent intervals (not less than every three days) unless on approved leave. The RBFMRP Policy and Procedure Manual on email can be found at www.riobravofmrp.org; click on "Resident Policies."
- N. Identify in themselves and others physician impairment from fatigue, drugs, depression, or other causes, and seek help for themselves or others so identified.
- O. Comply with specific/special requirements of affiliated institutions to which trainee may rotate as part of his/her training. These may include, but are not limited to, criminal background checks, substance abuse testing, health screenings, and providing additional paperwork/information.
- P. Comply with CSV's policies and procedures.
- Q. Must notify program and GME office of conviction for any misdemeanor or felony.

6. BENEFITS/LEAVE

- A. **Leave:**
Residents are entitled to three (3) calendar weeks of paid vacation time per year, which shall be scheduled by the Program Director, department chairperson, or chief resident. All other leaves, including medical, sick, maternity/paternity, or family leave may be taken according to written policy as noted on the program website www.riobravofmrp.org - click on "Resident Policies.") Time spent on leave other than vacation may be required to be made up per program and American Board requirements. Residents are granted three weeks of vacation annually. As a general rule, vacation time does not carry forward from year to year and must be scheduled and taken in the same academic year the vacation is earned. Educational leave with compensation shall be five (5) days per academic year. The department does not include educational leave as a portion of the annual vacation leave. Educational time does not carry forward from year to year and must be scheduled and taken in the same academic year the educational leave is earned. See the RBFMRP Policy and Procedure Manual, Resident Handbook, and CSV Employee Handbook for a description of all leaves, required documentation for requests, and approval process.
- B. **Malpractice Insurance:** CSV shall procure and maintain at its own cost and expense professional liability (malpractice) insurance which will cover CSV and the Employee. This professional liability insurance will be provided through a combination of one or both of the following:
 - (a) Federal Tort Claims Act coverage if the organization and its activities are "deemed" covered by the Department of Justice. Federal Tort Claims Act coverage is issued on an occurrence basis, eliminating the need to purchase tail coverage; and/or,
 - (b) A policy of professional liability coverage purchased by CSV providing liability limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) aggregate per year. The choice of coverage options, and the combination of such coverage, shall be made in the sole and absolute discretion of CSV.

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- C. **Health Insurance:** The residents and eligible members of his/her immediate family are provided with health, dental, life, and vision care insurance at the beginning of their employment agreement. Information on these plans can be found at www.riobravofmrp.org, under Salary and Benefits Summary.
- D. **Parking:** Parking is available to all residents at all of the practice and rotation locations.

7. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE RESIDENCY

Residents are discouraged from engaging in compensated medical professional activities beyond the scope of this Agreement since the resident's primary responsibility is to their education. CSV's liability insurance or other indemnity does not cover a resident who participates in unapproved clinical activities outside of the RBFMRP Training Program (moonlighting). All residents must comply with the institutional and program policies on moonlighting.

8. EVALUATION, COUNSELING AND ADVANCEMENT

- A. A written evaluation of each resident shall be made by the attending physician(s) on each resident's rotation(s). An annual written composite of all evaluations shall be made, and a copy of the composite must be provided to the individual resident. The resident shall be given the opportunity to discuss his/her performance with the program director or designee semi-annually. The resident shall be notified within a reasonable time if an evaluation for a given rotation indicates unsatisfactory performance. Both annual and rotational evaluations shall be included in the resident's records.
- B. Residents' personnel files will be maintained consistent with applicable federal and state law. Residents may review their composite evaluations and other administrative materials upon request and in accordance with applicable CSV, RBFMRP, and federal policies. Evaluations of individual performance are part of the training evaluation and per Evaluation policy, are maintained as confidential. The progress of all residents is monitored throughout their training. The residency program relies on the Clinical Competency Committee (CCC) and its system of mentors to oversee resident progress. The CCC reports to the GMEC on resident progress regularly. All GMEC actions are reviewed at regular CLINICA SIERRA VISTA Board meetings.
- C. Program appointment, advancement and completion are not assured or guaranteed to the resident, but are contingent upon the resident's satisfactory demonstration of progressive advancement in scholarship and continued professional growth. Unsatisfactory resident evaluation can result in required remedial activities, temporary suspension from duties, or termination of appointment and residency education. These actions and any periods of absence may result in the extension of the training program.

9. DUE PROCESS

Residents have the right to appeal adverse actions through the Institutional Policy for Academic Due Process and Leave in the RBFMRP Handbook, as found on the program website at www.riobravofmrp.org - click on "Resident Policies". Residents initiate this process through contact with the program's Graduate Medical Education Committee.

10. COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

The following committees address resident issues:

- The Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) is the institutional oversight committee which reviews the accredited training program at RBFMRP. The GMEC oversees the Rio Bravo Family Medicine Residency Program and ensures its fiscal and educational integrity. Committee members perform internal reviews of the residency program as mandated by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. All training programs must be approved by the GMEC. The Committee also works closely with the program to assist it with its RRC accreditation site visits. This Committee meets quarterly and is composed of the Residency Program Director, administration, faculty and

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residents. Residents who are interested in serving on this Committee may contact the Program Director for details.

- Medical Staff Committees
Residents are appointed to serve and participate on a variety of Medical Staff Committees which involve resident training. Residents interested in serving on any of these committees should contact the Program Director.

11. NONDISCRIMINATION

CSV and the RBFMRP does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, physical or mental disability, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship or status as a covered veteran. This policy applies to all employment practices, including recruitment, selection, promotion, transfer, merit increase, salary, training and development, demotion, and separation. This policy is intended to be consistent with the provisions of applicable State and Federal laws and CSV policies.

12. NON-COMPETITION

The Rio Bravo Family Medicine Residency Program, along with their sponsoring institution, Clinica Sierra Vista maintains a policy that residents/fellows are not required to sign a non-competition guarantee or restrictive covenant.

13. UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT

CSV and the RBFMRP are committed to creating and maintaining a community in which students, faculty and administrative and academic staff can work together in an atmosphere free of all forms of harassment, exploitation or intimidation, on any basis prohibited by law including harassment based on sex. CSV and the RBFMRP are strongly opposed to sexual harassment and other unlawful harassment, and such behavior is prohibited both by law and CSV policy. CSV's policy on sexual harassment may be found on the GME website: www.riobravofmrp.org - click on "Resident Policies".

14. ACCOMODATION FOR DISABILITY

CSV and the RBFMRP will make reasonable accommodations for physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability. The Discrimination and Disability Policy can be found on the RBFMRP website at www.riobravofmrp.org.

15. ACCREDITATION STATUS

RBFMRP will inform residents of adverse accreditation actions taken by the ACGME in a reasonable period of time after the action is taken. Should RBFMPR begin the process of closing a residency training program for accreditation reasons or for other reasons, the residents will be kept in the institution for the remainder of the academic year and CSV and RBFMRP will do everything within its power to assist the residents in finding a program for completion of the specialty, in order to be eligible for board requirements.

16. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Rio Bravo Family Medicine Residency Program (RBFMRP) is to educate and train high quality, culturally competent family medicine residents in rural and underserved community settings with an emphasis on the value of primary and preventative health care. In addition to maintaining a high-quality residency program, CSV strives to facilitate the development and sustenance of a regional service-education network for family physicians and allied health professionals. The mission focuses on providing a family medicine perspective (both educational and political), developing and supporting continuing medical education activities for practicing physicians and allied health professionals, and serving in a general capacity to facilitate, research, and organize innovative approaches to health care in family and community medicine, with a particular focus on community healthcare.

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RESIDENT PHYSICIAN SIGNATUREDATE: 5/31/2022

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CAROL STEWART-HAYOSTEK, MD, FAAFP**Program Director****Rio Bravo Family Medicine Residency Program**DATE: 5/31/2022

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OLGA MEAVE, MD**CEO / DIO (Interim)****Clinica Sierra Vista**DATE: 5/31/2022

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1. Have you ever been convicted of or pled novo contendere to ANY offense in any state in the United States or a foreign country? This includes a citation, infraction, misdemeanor and/or felony, except for minor traffic violations. Serious traffic convictions such as reckless driving, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, hit and run, evading a peace officer, failure to appear, driving while the license is suspended or revoked MUST be reported. If in doubt as to whether a conviction should be disclosed, it is better to disclose the conviction.

☐ YES ☒ NO

2. Have you ever been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to any violation of any federal, state, local or a foreign country law(s) relating to the possession, use, illegal sale, transportation, manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, or is any such action pending?

☐ YES ☒ NO

3. Have you ever been arrested, charged or convicted of a sex crime, or any offense involving a child victim

☐ YES ☒ NO

You are required to disclose any conviction that has been set aside, diverted, deferred, dismissed, pardoned or expunged from the court record.

<i>Violation and Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Penalty or Disposition</i>
N/A		

For yes answers to questions above, please indicate the circumstances in the area below:


N/A

(You may submit additional information if necessary).

I hereby affirm that the information submitted is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and is furnished in good faith. I understand that material breach of professionalism, omissions or misrepresentations may result in termination of my postgraduate training.

RESIDENT NAME: Fiona Axelsson

DEPT.: **FAMILY MEDICINE (RBFMRP)**

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